THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G.ROHINI

WRIT PETITION No. 25526 of 2006

Dated: 08-12-2006

Between:

Valluri Venkateswarlu

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Special Deputy Collector (Tribal Welfare),
Bhadrachalam, Khammam District and 3 others.

.....RESPONDENTS

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O R D E R:

Admittedly, against the order of eviction dated 15-02-2006 passed by the first respondent-Special Deputy Collector, Bhadrachalam under the provisions of A.P. Scheduled Areas Land Transfer Regulation 1/1959 as amended by Regulation 1/1970, an appeal has been preferred before the second respondent, which is still pending.

The only grievance of the petitioner is that pending the appeal, the second respondent-Appellate Authority failed to consider his request for grant of stay of operation of the order of eviction dated 15-02-2006 and in the meanwhile steps are being taken to takeover the possession of the land in his occupation. Hence, this writ petition.

Having heard the learned counsel for both the parties and having regard to the fact that the statutory appeal is pending, I am of the opinion that it would be appropriate to protect the possession of the petitioner till the disposal of the statutory appeal.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the second respondent to dispose of the appeal pending on its file, if not already disposed of, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt

of a copy of this order. Till such time, the order of *status quo* obtaining as on today as to the nature and possession of the land in question shall be maintained. No costs.

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G.ROHINI,J

Dated: 08-12-2006
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